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What is claimed is:

1. A method of creating a semantic summary of a video comprising the steps of:
  - (a) identifying a domain of said video;
  - (b) using said domain to locate information related to said video at a source other than said video;
  - (c) extracting a datum related to a semantic event from said information; and
  - (d) extracting content related to said semantic event from said video related to said datum.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein said information is a textual summary of events.
- 15 3. The method of claim 1 wherein said information is included in a worldwide web site.
4. The method of claim 1 wherein said information is included in an electronic programming guide.
- 20 5. The method of claim 1 wherein said domain is identified from an electronic programming guide.
6. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of selection of said datum by a user of said summary.
- 25 7. A method of abstracting video comprising the steps of:
  - (a) locating an index of said video from a source external to said video;
  - (b) identifying a domain of said video abstraction;
  - 30 (c) using said domain to identify in said index video for inclusion in said

- abstraction; and
- (d) extracting said identified video.
8. The method of claim 7 wherein said index is included in a worldwide web site.
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9. The method of claim 7 wherein said index is included in an electronic programming guide.
10. The method of claim 7 further comprising the step of identification of said domain by a user of said abstraction.
11. A method of creating a semantic summary of a video comprising the steps of:
- (a) identifying a domain of said video;
- (b) using said domain to locate a textual summary of said video;
- (c) extracting a datum related to a semantic event relevant to said video summary from said textual summary;
- (d) locating content in said video corresponding to said datum; and
- (e) extracting said content related to said semantic event corresponding to said datum from said video for inclusion in said summary.
12. A method of abstracting video comprising the steps of:
- (a) locating an index of said video in at least one of a worldwide web site and a programming guide;
- (b) identification of a domain of said video abstraction by a user of said abstraction;
- (c) using said domain to select in said index video for inclusion in said abstraction; and
- (d) extracting said identified video.

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